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Marginal Column By ARTHUR SAUL SOPER

Nasser Sees Menace To Egypt from Turkey

PORT SAID, Monday. — Colonel Abdul Nasser said today that the stockpiling of rockets and hydrogen bombs in Turkey is a threat to Egypt.

Speaking on the anniversary of the withdrawal of French forces from Port Said a year ago, he attacked NATO plans to stockpile atomic weapons in Europe.

He called for the banning of atomic weapons, world disarmament, and self-determination for the peoples of Cyprus, Algeria and all others fighting for their independence.

This was Abdul Nasser's first visit to Port Said since last year's hostilities. Following his arrival in the city, he proceeded to lay a floral wreath on the graves of those who had died in last year's fighting.

In his speech he alleged that a plot had been hatched against his regime in Beirut a year ago. He claimed that foreign agents had paid an Egyptian intelligence officer, Mahmoud Khalil, \$162,000 to organize the overthrow of his regime, but that Khalil had informed him of the plot. In decorating Khalil today, Abdul Nasser announced that he was donating the sum to the establishment of an industrial cooperative in Port Said.

Reinforcements Sent

Touching on the Egyptian withdrawal from Port Said at the height of the fighting last year, claiming that the forces remaining to defend Port Said were small because urgent reinforcements had to be rushed to the Egyptian garrison facing the Israelis at El Arish.

He disclosed one of the secret hideouts of Egypt's Air Force during the Suez operation — a stretch of the Cairo-Alexandria road — about 20 km. north of Cairo. He said that Egyptian planes had used the road for take-offs to attack the Anglo-French forces during the assault on Port Said.

Today's parade included Soviet-made Mig fighters, Ilushin twin-jet bombers and T-34 tanks. Biggest cheers from the crowd of 12,000 went to the red-bellied paratroopers who passed by in double time.

SYRIAN NOTE TO TURKS

LONDON, Monday (INA). — The Syrian Government has sent a note to Turkey protesting Turkey's hostile campaign of "aggressive" distortion against Syria. It was learned in Beirut today. The note also asked for Turkey's cooperation in keeping the Middle East out of the Cold War.

In an editorial on the Cairo visit, the newspaper said Egypt was "not backing down from the positions it vainly tried to uphold by armed force a year ago."

"Defeated in the field, it (the Egyptian Government) clings to its rhetorical victory."

The final settlement with Israel as seen in Cairo still seems to "call for the return of 900,000 Arab refugees to Israel, the retention of Israel to her 1947 frontiers. It comes near meaning abolition of the State of Israel, although these are the demands which a beaten government may be about to place before the chief executives of the international agency which saved the Government from utter ruin."

"All this seems strange even in the topsy-turvy world in which we live, where moderns find ourselves."

Soviets Urge Czechs, Bulgars for UNEF

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (INA). — The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. Kuznetsov, who has been here since September, was reliably reported to have suggested to the U.N. today that Bulgarian and Czechoslovakian troops be added to the U.N. Emergency Force in the Gaza Strip.

At a secret meeting with top U.N. officials, Mr. Kuznetsov was understood to have been told that Czech troops would definitely be unacceptable for such duty, since Czechoslovakia was the first Arab country to have shipped arms to Egypt under the terms of Soviet-Egyptian arms agreement of 1955. Mr. Kuznetsov was said to have been informed that Polish troops might be accepted, but he rejected that alternative.

Dutch Protest To U.N. Against Jakarta Acts

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuters). — The Netherlands today protested to the U.N. "against the activities and actions of the Indonesian Government" to arrest Dutch citizens and interests in recent weeks.

In the Hague Foreign Minister Luns told Parliament that Indonesia was being "encouraged, organized and led" by the Indonesian government itself.

He said that in some cases there had been mutiny by the Indonesian army against the Dutch flag and had been replaced by the Indonesian flag.

Mr. Luns said the Dutch delegate to the U.N. had been instructed to hand a memorandum to the Secretary-General, drawing his attention to the hostile actions of the Indonesian government and its violation of international law and legal standards. He also expressed gratitude to the Governments of Singapore and Australia for their cooperation in assisting the evacuation of Dutch nationals from Indonesia.

In Jakarta, meanwhile, the left-wing All-Indonesia People's Congress today asked the U.N. to defend the rights of the Indonesian people to "liquidate Dutch colonialism" throughout the world.

The message added that the "victory of the Egyptian people against brutal imperialism" has roused the desire of the Indonesian people to "liquidate Dutch monopolistic capital."

B-G at Ceremony to Mark Kibbutz Status for Yotvata

By SHAYAT SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Reporter

YOTVATA, Monday. — Settling the Negev is still the foremost task of this generation, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told members of this kibbutz here today.

By doing work — and may you be successful —

With only these sentences of greeting, he descended from the rostrum erected against the sheer mountain-side which shelters Yotvata from the north.

The Prime Minister was beaming, obviously delighted with his own brevity. The guests, parents and relatives, greeted him with warm greetings which terminated their Army service today and formally took over the settlement of the kibbutz which established the farm several years ago.

Those who expected the Prime Minister to deliver a political speech, with reference to the current crisis, were disappointed. The ceremony was nothing but a village feast with a thousand guests, parents and relatives, and friends from all over the country — assembled in the natural amphitheatre near the settlement.

Before the ceremony, the guests were taken around the settlement's green fields whose saline soil is being planted to more than 20 different crops.

Mr. Ben-Gurion's party, which arrived by special plane, included the Minister of Finance, the Chief-of-Staff, the Director-General of the Defense Ministry and Mrs. Ben-Gurion. The Minister of Development, who happened to be on a tour of the area in the company of the director of the Israel Mining Corporation, also showed up at the ceremony. Mr. Zeev Orr, Secretary-General of Hevrat Ovdin, came by Arkia plane to represent the Histadrut.

There were two separate ceremonies today. At the first, members of the Nahal group received their discharge in a passing-out parade before Aluf Haim Laskov, O.C. Southern Command, and Sgan-Aluf Itamar Ben-Barak, O.C. Nahal. Shortly later, in a different place, the same boys and girls appeared in open-neck light blue shirts and dark trousers and skirts.

Here, silver-haired Second Alia veteran, Mr. M. Weiner, spoke on behalf of the Hahakibbutz Vchakibbutzim, the movement to which the settlers belong. After "Comrade Ben-Gurion" spoke, the settlers performed an allegorical play in costumes, using a solitary palm as scenery and live horses and sheep as properties. Gaudy dancing filled most of the time at the get-together.

Most of the settlers are graduates of the Kfar Yarik Agricultural School.

Coalition Solid in Vote Against Non-Confidence

Knesset Communist Motion Crucial Cabinet Session Today

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset last night rejected a Communist motion of non-confidence in the Government by a vote of 65-6. There were 22 abstentions. The motion was supported only by the Communists and was opposed by all five Coalition parties.

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turn Israel into a protectorate of West Germany. The fact that Ben-Gurion had conceded his intentions from the people and even from part of the Cabinet were proof of his own lack of confidence in the course he was following. The present Government crisis represented "the bankruptcy of the policy of national treason of Ben-Gurion and his circle."

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'Zion' Makes Two Sea Rescues

HAIFA, Monday. — The s.s. Zion today answered two radio appeals to tender medical assistance to seamen aboard two different freighters in the stormy Atlantic. The Zion, scheduled to arrive in New York harbour on Friday afternoon, altered her course and proceeded to pick up both stricken seamen.

The Zion's wireless officer yesterday received a signal from a freighter that a seriously injured and needed medical attention at once. Being close to the freighter Captain Ben-Gurion, master of the Zion, ordered his ship to change course. When the two boats met, the patient was transferred aboard the Zion by lifeboat.

Less than an hour later, another appeal for medical help was picked up. This time for a seaman suffering from a serious stomach ailment. The man was a Greek sailor aboard a freighter some distance from the Zion. After another change of course he was transferred by lifeboat to the Zion.

Both men are out of danger now, according to a cable from a journalist aboard the Zion.

Tepid UK Reception For Russian Plan

By GERDA L. COHEN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — The Soviet seven-point peace programme received an extremely tepid reception in the British Press today, with Conservative papers following the negative line adopted by the Government in Friday's debate in Commons. Left-wing opinion grudgingly admitted the Kremlin's promptness in counterbalancing the Western exhibition of its desire for world harmony.

Diplomatic observers note that Mr. Khrushchev omitted mention of one fundamental issue, namely that of international disarmament measures once the armistist measures will be recalled that the disarmament proposals backed by a majority in the U.N. contained clauses for such supervision; the Soviet Bloc itself sabotaged the proposals at the time.

Mr. Khrushchev's slogan to stop atom bomb tests by the year is considered wildly unrealistic, even supposing that the tests were halted, production of additional nuclear weapons would continue unabated.

However, even an extreme right-winger concede that it would be unwise to let Russia receive credit for attempting to slow down the arms race; the general conclusion reached, therefore, is that the West should challenge the sincerity of the Soviet proposals by resuming the Disarmament Conference within the U.N. It is quite obvious, however, that unless the Soviet bloc in the U.N. alters its intransigent attitude, such talks are doomed to failure.

The Foreign Office spokesman said today that Prime Minister Macmillan would most likely reply after the New Year to the Note he had received from Russian Prime Minister Bulganin. He added that he saw no signs indicating that the Western Powers wished to change their attitude on the question of disarmament.

El Al Crosses Atlantic To New York in 11 Hours

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — An El Al spokesman said that its Britannia today inaugurated their non-stop Trans-Atlantic service by flying from London to New York in 11 hours two minutes. On board were 65 passengers and 12 crew.

The flight usually takes 14 hours.

The airliner left London Airport at midnight. The Britannia was on schedule from Tel Aviv. At London Airport the keys to the city of Tel Aviv were handed to the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Alderman P. W. Raymond. (Britannia aircraft are built at Bristol.)

He said, "Five hundred thousand British people never lost their faith in the Britannia and we are happy to see our hopes justified." The Airport Commandant, Mr. James Jeffe, read greetings from the Minister of Transport congratulating El Al on the record it set up last week.

El Al intends to operate Atlantic flights once weekly until January 15 when the flights will be increased to twice weekly. The airline estimates its New York to London schedule at 8 hours 30 minutes.

Mr. Elihu Elath, Israel's Ambassador in London, and Rear Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery, Chairman of the Bristol Aircraft Company, met the Britannia at London Airport.

El Al is opening a new office in the centre of Amsterdam in January. Mr. G. Navon, El Al Director for Holland, announced in Amsterdam that El Al will inaugurate flights from Schiphol Airport to Lydd, taking five hours for the trip.

A Trans World Airline Lockheed Jetstream airliner completed a non-stop record flight from Los Angeles to London today in 16 hours and 14 minutes.

The plane, with 30 passengers and a crew of 10 aboard, broke all existing records for the 5,442 mile transatlantic flight between California and London.

Syrian-Czechoslovak Economic Accord

Complete agreement was achieved in the talks between the Czechoslovak Government and the Syrian Government, headed by Deputy Prime Minister Khaled el-Azem, it was announced in a communiqué released in Damascus last night. The communiqué said it hoped the delegation's return to Syria.

According to Damascus Radio the talks had centred on the proposal for the signing of a Syrian-Czech trade pact and the Czech Government had pledged itself to increase its investments in Syrian economic projects.

6-10 Intermediate-Range Missile Squadrons for Europe

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuters). — The U.S. is planning to station between six and 10 squadrons of intermediate-range ballistic missiles in Europe as a result of the decision by the countries of the North Atlantic Alliance to accept these missiles in principle.

This was disclosed by General Lauris Norstad, Supreme N.A.T.O. Commander, in a filmed television interview here last night.

He said these squadrons — each with 15 missiles — would be the first phase of a long-range missile programme for Europe.

General Norstad also disclosed that the cost of an ICBM squadron and its base would be quite favourable, with a squadron of aircraft maintained over a period of two to three years — about \$30m. to \$40m. per year.

Asked about the geographical positioning of ICBM bases in Europe, General Norstad said the first steps would be taken in a matter of days and weeks, not months.

"Technical problems — the physical development of bases, the training of personnel and the availability of the missiles — these things may be something in the order of a year to 18 months."

Asked if he had been disappointed that two countries in Western Europe had not accepted the shorter-range missiles Honest John and Corporal, General Norstad replied: "It does not weaken our posture so far as ICBM missiles are concerned. The forces in those two countries would be more immediately stronger if they had these shorter-range missiles such as the Corporal."

U.S. ENVOY NAMED TO LEBANON

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuters). — President Eisenhower today appointed Mr. Robert McCintock, a career diplomat, as his new Ambassador to the Lebanon. Mr. McCintock replaces Mr. Donald R. Heath who has been named Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Tour Sees Gaillard Before Coming Home

PARIS, Monday (Reuters). — The Israeli Ambassador here, Mr. Jacob Tsur, today called on Premier Felix Gaillard and Foreign Minister Christian Pineau, on the eve of his departure for a stay of several weeks in Israel.

Mr. Tsur said afterwards that they had discussed recent political developments and economic relations.

Ceylon Postpones Sending Envoy

COLOMBO, Monday (Reuters). — The Government of Ceylon has decided to postpone the appointment of a diplomatic representative to Israel, it was officially announced here today. Officials did not assign any special reason for the postponement, but local press reports gave as one of the grounds the recent reported protest by Egypt and other Arab states.

32 MORE CYPRIOTS RELEASED TODAY

NICOSIA, Monday (Reuters). — Another 32 Cypriots were released today from detention camps here bringing to 100 the number freed under Governor Sir Hugh Foot's Christmas amnesty.

YET when the older generation came to the State days of Zionist settlement, they immediately achieved identification with Israel.

The very Hagana, whose Council was headed by the Foreign Minister, was an expression of this complete and total identification. That is why they were able to organize the ritual of the young native-born as well as young immigrants who have reached maturity here, have yet to achieve that identification. The youth of the country should be occupied with the present and the future, not with the past, in the ordinary run of things. But this true of our youth? Is it true of our young writers, our novelists and our poets? The most outstandingly successful novel written in Israel in recent years was Moshe Shamir's "King of Fish and Blood." Yet what was its theme? A period of some two thousand years ago. Moshe Shamir is one of our young novelists; he is still quite a young man as a novelist and ripe. By all standards he should not be writing historical novels for another 20 years at least; he should be dealing with the attitude of his contemporaries to their present environment and interpreting that environment to the world outside.

It may be the business of the Tourist Corporation to propagandize the Land of the Bible so as to bring here much needed hosts of tourists. What we need is for our creative people to tell the world how the man of today lives, what he thinks, what philosophy of life he is building up and trying to live by, what is the emerging new ethos of the country, what are the spiritual conflicts, what are the intellectual achievements. Only when this begins to develop shall we begin to form the new national life and the new cultural pattern with which Israel will begin to exercise a spiritual and cultural influence on world Jewry.

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On the 30th day after the passing away of our dear and beloved
Hanna Neviazskis
A Memorial Service and the unveiling of the tombstone over her grave will take place next Thursday, December 28, 1967, at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Her former pupils, relatives and those who knew and loved her, will gather to pay reverence to her memory.

Taxis leave at 2 p.m. from 6 Rehov Katznelson, Tel Aviv. Those going directly to the Cemetery will meet at 2:30 p.m. near the entrance.

THE FAMILY

Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with possible light showers during the morning.

	A	B	C	D
Jerusalem	62	68	72	78
Tel Aviv	65	71	75	81
Haifa	60	66	70	76
Natanya	63	69	73	79
Tel Aviv Kirya	64	70	74	80
Lydda Airport	61	67	71	77
Beersheba	58	64	68	74
Sdom	55	61	65	71
Eilat	45	51	55	61

ARRIVALS

Prof. Aron Zaitlin, Lecturer in Hebrew Literature at the College for Jewish Studies in New York, and Mrs. Zaitlin, for a visit.

Mr. Abraham Salmon, Counselor for economic affairs at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, for discussions with Treasury officials.

Prof. M. Magat, professor of radio-chemistry at the Hebrew University and at the Weizmann Institute, for a delegation of the cooperative movement from a visit to Poland (all by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. N. Birkenfeld, Jerusalem District Assessing Officer, for Britain and the U.S. for advanced study on a U.N. stipend.

TWO COWS valued at IL400 were stolen on Sunday night from a cowshed in Rehovot belonging to Mr. Haim Moshim. Signs that they had been slaughtered were found 300 metres away.

RUTH LOEB, 16, of Kir Shmaryahu, left by T.W.A. yesterday to represent Israel at the 12th annual New York "Herald Tribune" Youth Forum. She will stay in the U.S. for three months.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

December 24, 1947

A casualty toll of eight deaths, four Jews and four Arabs, three Jews and six Arabs seriously wounded, and 13 Jews and 11 Arabs wounded, was caused in not-stop fighting between the Hagana's return of fire, as well as in firing by police and troops. Most of the Jewish casualties were suffered in an attack on transport crossing the Hashmeh Bridge when its unarmored bus was shot at.

Despite the shooting audible throughout Hadar Carmel, the subscription concert of the Palestine Orchestra was given in the Arnon Theatre house, before an enthusiastic house.

Special Police and Army patrols were on the road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem as the procession left Jaffa Gate for the beginning of the Christmas celebrations.

Journalists Tribute

POST Anniversary

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Journalists Association, together with the Editors Committee, today celebrated The Jerusalem Post's 25th anniversary at Beit Sokolov.

A distinguished gathering which included the editors and publishers of the entire Hebrew press, senior Government officials, the U.S. Consul, U.K. Press Attaches and the Inspector General of Police, raised their glasses charged with champagne in tribute to the paper.

The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Gershon Agron, founder and first Editor of The Jerusalem Post, defined the paper's task as "translating the Hebrew soul into a foreign tongue." The credo of the newspaper was and would continue to be, he declared, discretion, conditioned by mutual freedom, he declared.

Mr. Dan Pines, Chairman of the Association and Editor of "Omer," spoke of The Post as the septuaginta of the Hebrew press. Mr. Ted Lurie spoke of the anniversary as a milestone not in aging but in growing youthful, and of the "perfume of printers' ink" that kept newspapermen at their jobs late into the night.

The role of The Post as the State's show-window and its loyalty to Jerusalem were stressed by the speakers who included Mr. Y. Amit, of "Al Hamishmar," (on behalf of the Editors Committee); Mr. D. Shurer, Editor of "Davar"; Mr. Y. Grauman, Managing Editor of "Hahaker"; Mr. Y. Kessary, doyen of Tel Aviv columnists.

Kibbutz Victim Of

Syrians Buried

RAMAT HASHARON, Monday. — Bezalel Bubrik, 22, the member of Kibbutz Gadot who was killed by a Syrian infiltrator on Saturday in Israel territory, was buried here today.

Among those attending the funeral were members of the deceased's family, settlers of Kibbutz Gadot, Heads of Departments of the Jewish Agency, representatives of Kibbutz Hamehud, and residents of Ramat Hasharon.

A memorial meeting and the unveiling of the tombstone over the grave of the late

Alfred Rosenberg

will take place on Thursday, December 26, 1957 at 3.30 p.m. at the Khayat Beach Cemetery, Haifa. A second memorial meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on the same day at Beit Ha'aslanim, 8 Rehov Han'emanim, Haifa.

Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend both ceremonies.

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THE FAMILY

Mayor Blames Citizens For State's Neglect of Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government and other public bodies are changing their attitude towards Jerusalem and are now more aware of the urgent need to help it develop not only as the nation's political capital, but also as a city based on sound economic foundations.

This was stated yesterday, by Mayor Gershon Agron, at a luncheon given by the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce to mark the reopening of the Chamber's Economic Forum.

The Government, which was busy developing new regions such as Dimona and Ashdod, had neglected Jerusalem and in fact acquiesced in its remaining a backward city, Mr. Agron charged.

However, he said, the main fault lay with its citizens, who did not fight hard enough to make the Government recognize the urgent need of their city.

He pointed out that the city's 42,000 rate-payers had asked for complete exemption from payments. The Mayor pointed out that the four-year plan for industrial development, published by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry some time ago, only some 10 per cent of the total IL530m. allocated was earmarked for development in the Capital.

Lately, however, there had been an apparent change in the Government's attitude and the decision to hold in Jerusalem the central exhibition and the main parade marking the Tenth Anniversary celebrations was a sign of this.

Mr. Agron revealed that a leading American town-planning firm is now preparing a blueprint on Jerusalem to help attract foreign investors. Foreign investments were a necessity for the Municipality did not possess the financial resources needed for development.

Menachem H. Ellachar, President of the Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the major factor at present influencing long-term economic development is the shortage of capital, which is felt by both developed and underdeveloped countries. This was stated last night by Mr. D. Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, broadcasting over Kol Yisrael on "Economic Trends in the World."

The capital shortage is due to three main causes, Mr. Horowitz said:

1. The need to equip industry in the developed countries for the "new industrial revolution" heralded by automation, where the capital-output ratio is extremely high.

2. The heavy expenditure on armaments resulting from the growing ratio of capital per unit of output due to new developments in ballistic missiles, atomic and nuclear weapons.

3. Heavy capital investments necessary to sustain growing populations in all parts of the world, as well as to support continuously rising living standards.

On the other hand, the supply of capital has been restricted as a result of the redistribution of income in favour of the working class. A clash of interests has thus developed between the working classes in the developed countries and the masses of the underdeveloped countries since every dollar that is spent by the former leaves less capital available for investment in the less advanced countries.

These developments result in a temptation to overcome the shortage of capital by inflationary financing. Mr. Horowitz said. However, it is now recognized that inflationary financing works only in the short run and, after a time, results in great difficulties. This was also recognized by representatives of both developed and underdeveloped countries who convened in September for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and The International Bank in Washington, he pointed out.

Horowitz: Capital Short Everywhere

Receiver's Sale Of Palalium Stayed

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The hearing of a request for liquidation order against the Palalium kitchen utensils company was stayed by the District Court today for one month. The Court said that it wished to give a group of industrialists, said to be negotiating to reopen the factory, time to come to an agreement.

The request was filed by seven unsecured creditors, who together claimed debts of over IL800,000, including IL250,000 in wages owed to the company's employees.

In his plea for a postponement, the Company's lawyer, Mr. Y. Gronitzki, submitted to the court two letters, sent to the receiver by Mr. Arye Shenkar, President of the Manufacturers Association, and by Mr. M. Ben Haim, Managing Director of the Fromm Company, and Mr. E. Fromchenko, Managing Director of the Elite Company. Mr. Shenkar stated that a group of industrialists was making "serious efforts" to reopen the factory. He emphasized that the Palalium plant held an important place in the country's industrial set-up.

Messrs. Ben Haim and Fromchenko stated that they represented a number of manufacturers who had agreed to mobilize over IL300,000, which they would be able to submit a proposal within two weeks which would enable the company to arrive at a settlement with its creditors.

Mr. Gronitzki said that the Company's debts reached IL1.8m, while its assets, totaling more than IL2m, had been transferred to a receiver appointed by the Bank Leumi.

Most of the creditors represented at the hearing opposed postponement on the grounds that they saw no real alternative proposal.

Judge Z. Zeltinger, Presiding of the Court, said that "not without hesitation" did he agree to a postponement, but if he did not there was little chance of unsecured creditors "getting back a pruta."

The hearing of the request will be held on January 27. (11m)

Rise in Means Of Payment Tapers Off

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The increase in the means of payment during the first nine months of 1957 totalled IL63.6m. — a rise of 12.3 per cent, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The increase is slightly less than the 15.9 per cent recorded in the same period last year and considerably less than the 18.9 per cent average increase during 1954-56.

The IL63.6m. breaks down into an increase of IL7.5m. in currency in circulation and IL56.1m. in current account deposits. During the same period the Government debt to the banking system increased by IL28.5m., as compared with an increase of IL42.8m. from January to September 1956.

Bar-Ilan Holds Up Budget Approval

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Approval of the Supplementary Regular Budget has been held up in the Knesset Finance Committee because of a split between Mapai and the Hapoel Hamizrachi members on the allocation of funds to Bar-Ilan University, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

During the debate on the budget of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Y. Bader (Hapoel) suggested the allocation of IL80,000 to Bar-Ilan. A division of opinions developed on this proposal and the Committee postponed debate on the budget for its next meeting.

No more Dandruff Trouble thanks to Helene Curtis ENDOEN

THE GIBBONS BRANCH OF THE Workers Club was opened at Dimona yesterday.

Couple, Aged 62, Concealed \$6,600

TEL AVIV, Monday. — An elderly couple were fined IL750 by the Anti-Profit-Steering Court here today for being in illegal possession of \$6,600. Magistrate M. Rubin, Chairman of the Court, recommended that a sum of Israeli currency, equivalent to the dollars, be returned to the couple.

The dollars were discovered by income-tax officials at the home of Dov and Haya Zicher, both 62. The couple claimed that they had bought them as an investment against their old age, and that they represented 40 years' savings.

THE 64th BRANCH of the Workers Club was opened at Dimona yesterday.

Fails to Steal Kisses, Makes Off with Purse

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — Two attempts to forcibly kiss women were made last night. One of the illegal kissers was arrested.

Police reported that at 6.45 last night, an unidentified man approached a 43-year-old woman near the Kiryat Haim seashore and tried to kiss her. When she resisted, he made off with her handbag containing papers and 700 pruta in cash.

The woman, a new immigrant, lives at the Beit Hahitot in the suburb and was on her way home. Police dogs and trackers were unable to pick up the attacker's trail.

Just after midnight, a 22-year-old woman was assaulted by a man while on her way home near the Egeed terminal. The attacker tried to kiss her but she escaped with him, and after she screamed he fled taking her bag with him.

Her screams attracted several other women who chased the attacker and caught him. He is a habitual criminal, well known to the Police, and has a two-year suspended sentence for theft pending against him.

No Approval For Car Insurance Rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government was not notified by the insurance companies of their intention to raise vehicle accident premiums. Moreover, the increase announced yesterday violates an agreement signed in January between the companies and the Controller of Insurance of the Finance Ministry. Mr. M. Laron, the Controller, declared last night in Jerusalem.

It was learned that the companies intend to increase accident insurance premiums by between 25 and 50 per cent for private cars and by 100 per cent for taxis. The companies claim that they lost IL1.3m. last year owing to the high road accident rate.

The proposed increases would raise third party insurance for cars of between IL150 to IL210, and comprehensive insurance for such a car from IL200 to IL250. Premiums will be increased on a sliding scale for commercial vehicles and trucks.

Keren Yaldenu Opens Enlarged Quarters

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 300 children of Jerusalem's Musarra quarter will now have a spacious auditorium and two well-equipped craft-study rooms at the disposal of the "Tikvateinu" Youth Centre.

The rooms form an entire floor added to the old Arab building which has housed the Keren Yaldenu youth centre for the past three years.

The quarters were dedicated yesterday in memory of Mrs. Miriam Pinkhof-Oppenheim, a Dutch-Jewish community leader who was killed in Auschwitz.

Mrs. Malka Fraenkel, Chairman of Keren Yaldenu, recalled that, 40 years ago, she and Mrs. Pinkhof-Oppenheim had founded a similar centre in the Amsterdam ghetto.

Greetings were brought by the Directors General of the Ministries for Religious Affairs and Social Welfare, Dr. Z. Warhaftig, and Mr. D. Zucherman, and Mr. J. J. Q. Bas Backer. Present in the audience were survivors of Mrs. Pinkhof-Oppenheim's family.

1,700 Pilgrims Prepare For Christmas Crossing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mandelbaum Gate was readied yesterday for this morning's crossing of 1,700 Christmas pilgrims. Two large and two small tents have been erected in Rehov Shvitei Yisrael for the crossing process.

Hundreds of pilgrims descended on Jerusalem yesterday, taking up rooms in the hotels and the YMCA, and embarking on minor shopping sprees.

Almost every big café had its complement of out-of-town visitors yesterday who renewed old acquaintanceships with native Jerusalemites.

Mandelbaum Gate is to be opened from early this morning until late afternoon, although it is expected that the bulk of the pilgrims will cross before ten a.m. They will return tomorrow afternoon.

The Jordanian authorities last week rejected 63 applications (all from Catholics) to cross. Additional rejections are expected this morning during the actual crossing.

Of the 1,700 pilgrims, 1,100 come from Nazareth, Acre and Galilee; 200 from Jerusalem, and 50 from Tel Aviv and Jaffa, and the remainder from various small towns.

Each pilgrim is allowed to take out of the country one Jordanian dinar (for which he pays IL2).

The Jordanian authorities are allowing tourists in Israel to cross only if they undertake not to return to Israel.

For the second consecutive year, the traditional procession of the Jerusalem Consular Corps will not take place. Last year, Jordan banned passage through the traditional route, Bethlehem Road, which leaves Israel near Ramat Rahel, and members of the Corps crossed individually through Mandelbaum Gate. The Corps is following the same procedure this year.

However, Jordan is allowing French pilgrims to cross this year, thus lifting last year's ban which was imposed following the Sinai Campaign.

"El Jihad," the Old City daily, reports that 150 members of the diplomatic corps and the U.N. in Israel, and other foreign citizens, will cross today for the Christmas celebrations.

Kasher Turkey For Diplomats

HAIFA, Monday. — Members of foreign legations in Israel will this year celebrate a more kosher kasher, if not a white, Christmas.

Shipments of turkeys which have recently arrived in the port here from the U.S. for supply to legations were all marked kasher and prepared under Rabbinical supervision.

In the past, locally reared and dressed birds have sometimes been supplied for Christmas, but local dealers appear not to have the knack of preparing the birds in the best yuletide tradition.

'Heruti Never Denied Labelling Magistrate'

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mrs. M. Ben-Porat today continued her summing up for the prosecution in the trial of Ya'acov Heruti, charged with leadership of an underground movement and with libelling a magistrate.

The prosecutor dwelt on the differences between the Sarafand underground and the organization allegedly involving Heruti, stressing the fact that neither the accused nor other witnesses had claimed that the latter had been dissolved or that he had left it.

Mrs. Ben-Porat also pointed out that Heruti had not at any time denied his part in connection with libelling the magistrate. (11m)

Freedom of Beersheba Granted Gilbert

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — M. Pierre Gilbert, the French Ambassador, was today made freeman of this city by the Municipality.

M. Gilbert, accompanied by members of the Embassy, was given an enthusiastic ovation by the populace in the town's public square where he was received by Mayor David Tuvalyahu; the District Representative, Mr. Y. Yardenimov; Town Councillors and hundreds of residents.

M. Gilbert, expressing his thanks to the Municipality at the ceremony, declared that French-Israeli friendship was most stable and would not alter in the event of changes of French Government. He described his own part in creating these close relations as "modest," though he had stubbornly and consistently endeavored to persuade his Government to rally to Israel's aid, and to see such help to be in the interests of France. (11m)

Druse Women Open Club at Isafiya

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — Dozens of Druse and Christian women and girls clad in their most colourful finery, gathered solemnly at Isafiya, on Mt. Carmel, today to witness the ceremonial opening of the first women's club in a predominantly Druse village.

Mrs. Yehudit Simhoni, who heads the cultural committee of the Working Women's Organization, cut the green ribbon at the entrance to the small clubhouse where 25 girls will study sewing and other household arts and have books and periodicals at hand. Some 80 other girls have already registered for courses and will be taught for six hours a day for six months by a young woman teacher from Nazareth.

The courses will help Druse women become even more efficient housewives than they already are, Mrs. Simhoni told the exclusively-female gathering.

Women Journalists

Even the press was represented only by women reporters.

The village women were also addressed by 21-year-old Miss Nuzhat Darwish, who came from Iraq six years ago. She is a graduate of the Hebrew University and now in charge of Kol Yisrael programmes for minority women and organizer of Arab women's activities at the Working Women's Centre. She was instrumental in convincing the villagers of the necessity of a women's club, on which there was some hesitance until the religious leaders ruled in its favour.

Other speakers were Mrs. Nazik Mansour, the young wife of Kamal Mansour (at present on a U.S. lecture tour); Negiba Ruhama, a pupil of the new sewing centre, and charming 15-year-old Mina Labib Abu Roukun, daughter of the Local Council Chairman. All warmly welcomed efforts to give Druse women a better chance to advance their education, which usually leaves school at an early age.

Mrs. Fahima Jarjura brought greetings from a similar club in Nazareth, while young and pretty Horia Tawfik of Shani, of Daliat el-Carmel, said she hoped a club would soon be opened in her village.

Diesel Assembly Plant Talks Broken Off

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — Negotiations have broken off between a group of local companies and the M.A.N. Diesel concern of Germany for the establishment of a diesel assembly plant in Israel, it was learned today.

The local group comprised Koor, Nos, and the Central Trade and Investment Company. Negotiations had been in progress intermittently for three years.

It is understood that the Israel group will enter negotiations with other foreign diesel concerns on the basis of the original plan, calling for the assembly here of 1,500 diesel engines a year.

SHIMONI NAMED EUROPEAN HEAD

The appointment of Mr. Ya'acov Shimoni, former Israel Minister to Burma, as Director of the East European division of the Foreign Ministry, was officially announced yesterday.

Police Dog Noses Out Burglary Suspect

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A police dog last night nosed out a 25-year-old man as chief suspect in the IL8,000 burglary of the Iwanir shop in Rehov. Dismissed on Saturday evening.

Criminal Investigation Division officers found an old sock in the shop, which the burglar had apparently used as protection against leaving fingerprints.

At an identification parade of 15 suspects, a police dog identified the sock of one of the men with that found in the shop after the burglary. It also singled out the accused's undershirt from a number of items of clothing.

Police are of the opinion that the accused, who has a criminal past, carried out the robbery together with an accomplice. (11m)

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